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FCRHA Hosts *Info Fest 2003*

Affordable Housing and Revitalization in Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA), in cooperation with the Holiday Inn at Fair Oaks and Fannie Mae will host *Info Fest 2003 Affordable Housing and Revitalization in Fairfax County*. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, Virginia on **Friday, August 8**. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the event beginning at 8 a.m. *Info Fest 2003* is the third in a series of forums planned in coordination with the Fairfax County initiative *e-affordable.fairfax* that was launched in April 2001 to address affordable housing concerns within the County. Information gathered at this event will be used to formulate the FCRHA's Strategic Plan Action Plan for fiscal year 2005. The Strategic Plan Action Plan sets forth the annual work program of the FCRHA, and describes actions that will be pursued to fulfill the goals of the FCRHA. This data will be available for public inspection at www.e-affordable.org in late 2003.

The featured keynote speaker will be Al Eisenberg, Vice President of Government Relations, for the Washington Board of Trade. Mr. Eisenberg will address affordable housing as a key economic issue for the region. He has an extensive background at all levels of government in a wide variety of domestic policy fields. Mr. Eisenberg served in the U.S. Senate as a legislative assistant and as staff director of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs, helping create numerous housing and community development laws from 1976-82. From 1983-99, he served as a four-term member and chairman of the Arlington, VA, County Board, the community's governing body. He specialized in housing, transportation, smart growth, and civil/human rights issues.

Other speakers will include Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Katherine K. Hanley; Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell; and Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District Supervisor. A presentation entitled Blueprint for the Future of Housing and Revitalization will address various topics areas of the FCRHA's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2005. Attendees will then have the opportunity to participate in discussion groups that will focus on topics such as commercial and residential neighborhood revitalization; preservation of affordable housing; development of new affordable housing; and the needs of seniors.

To register for this event or for more information, please contact Kristina Norvell, Director of Public Affairs, HCD, at 703-246-5104 or via e-mail at kristina.norvell@fairfaxcounty.gov. Please RSVP by Thursday, July 31.

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